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4th District, Oklahoma

*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and  
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business  
(No Votes Before 6:00 p.m.)*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H.R. 149—Omnibus Parks Technical Corrections Act (Considering Senate Amendments)**

**H.R. 3201—Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site Study Act**

**H.Con.Res. 247—Sense of Congress Supporting National Donor Day**

**H.Con.Res. 76—Sense of Congress Recognizing the Problem of Child Abuse and Neglect**

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## **Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules**

**Floor Situation:** The House will consider the following four bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

**H.R. 149** makes numerous technical amendments to certain statutes affecting public lands. Most of these amendments correct spelling and punctuation errors or make other non-substantive changes to the original laws. Specifically, the measure makes technical corrections to the following statutes: (1) 1996 Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act (*P.L. 104-333*); (2) 1998 Arches National Park Expansion Act (*P.L. 105-329*); (3) 1998 Dutch John Federal Property Disposition and Assistance Act (*P.L. 105-326*); (4) 1998 Oregon Public Lands Transfer and Protection Act (*P.L. 105-321*); and (5) 1998 Automobile National Heritage Area Act (*P.L. 105-355*). CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant impact on the federal budget. The House originally passed H.R. 149 under suspension of the rules by voice vote on February 23, 1999. The Senate made minor amendments to the measure and passed it by unanimous consent on November 22, 1999.

**H.R. 3201** authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of designating the Carter G. Woodson Home as a National Historic Site. Specifically, the study will determine the suitability of includ-

ing the Carter G. Woodson Home as a historic site in the National Park System and identify alternatives for managing and protecting the home. The secretary must report his findings to Congress within 18 months after funds for the study are made available. H.R. 3201, introduced by Ms. Norton, was not considered by a House committee.

**H.Con.Res. 247** supports the goals and ideas of National Donor Day and encourages all Americans to learn about the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and discuss such donations with their families and friends. Finally, the measure requests that the president call on all Americans to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation. H.Con.Res. 247, introduced by Ms. Thurman, was not considered by a House committee.

**H.Con.Res. 76** expresses the sense of Congress that (1) all Americans should keep abused and victimized children in their thoughts and prayers; (2) all Americans should seek to break the cycle of abuse and neglect; and (3) the faith community, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers across America should recommit themselves and mobilize their resources to assist abused and neglected children. In addition, the resolution states that Congress supports the goals and ideas of the “Day of Hope” and commends Childhelp USA for its efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children everywhere. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Salmon *et al.* and was not considered by a House committee.

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXIX, #3, February 11, 2000.

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